

From Martha

Well, June was quite a month, wasn't it? From my perspective, July provides the possibility of a welcome rest—or, if not rest, at least increased calmness. I want to start by saying thank you to each of you who have expressed support for the work of our church on the issue of racial justice. It was an honor to put my name on the letter that went in the News & Advance on June 21st and 28th; Rev. Dennis Roberts, of Holy Trinity Lutheran, formatted and wrote the letter, and our own Rev. Nathan Brooks contributed to the wording and editing. I was honored to have my name beside his and to be representing Peakland Baptist. At the beginning of June, the Congregational Council met together with me to talk about our involvement; we have in place a process in which leadership and staff are in communication about what we say and do publicly. The Interfaith Clergy group, of which I am a member, has made the decision to offer a video service of repentance, with offerings from many communities of faith. We hope to have that available online by the end of next week.

I am now temporarily on staff at Westminster-Canterbury; I don't have an exact end date, but sometime around the first week of August is what I expect. I joined a rich Bible Study group that meets on Mondays, from 10:15-11:30; we decided to study the book of Proverbs and have already had wonderful sessions on the first two chapters! I hope, next week, to be able to drop by and see everyone from our community that I can, but I have run across a few on the bridge and we have had good conversations. My other regular time over at W-C will be Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-6:00, or thereabouts; if that changes, I will keep you posted. I am very pleased to be able to be on the campus and hope I can be helpful to the community there.



Moving4Good: PBC Offers Support to Community Non-Profits

In June, we launched our Moving4Good program—there was a bit of rain, but we toughed it out! This program is designed to encourage each of us to keep ourselves as healthy as we can, with an exercise goal for 30 days, 60 days, or 90 days, that is the appropriate challenge for us. As of today, we have between 15 and 20 participants and we are on track to raise more than \$10,000 between us all over the summer. There is no end date to when you can sign up—join us any time. A reminder of the organizations we have chosen to support:

Parkview Community Missions	Daily Bread	Freedom School
Interfaith Outreach Association	Meals on Wheels	Brookhill Farm

This week, we learned that Interfaith Outreach has been chosen to administer the funds for rent relief that have come from the state—a massive undertaking. Shawne Farmer, ED of IOA, reported on Wednesday that it is going well, but that there are many people in need of this assistance right now. We hope to have some kind of event for Moving4Good on our front lawn in mid-July—we will keep you posted when we have those details. **Thank you to all of you who have donated and done fundraising for Moving4Good!**



On Deck!

You may have heard from me that Jim Ray, Monty, my son, Conner, and I have been working to finish building a deck on the back of the parsonage for the last month. We cleverly chose the hottest month of the year to do this work; if we weren't Baptists, we might say that we were doing it to make atonement—as it is, we will just say that we chose to do it now because we have the freedom to make that choice. We've had a good time, and we are almost finished. In the next week or so, we will issue the formal invitation to each of you who feel safe to do so to come for a visit on the deck. The deck itself is big—Jim and I estimate that we can have 6-8 people on the deck and still maintain 6' of separation between us. The purpose for building the deck is for us to have a space to be with you, outside, as safely as we possibly can. If you and your spouse/friend/family feel safe to do so, we want you to come for a visit! Email me, call the church office or my cell phone and let's set up a time to be together!





July Birthdays

- 1 Bob Bailey
- 4 Linda Hyler
- 6 Ed Lovern
- 8 Harold Templeton
- 9 Georgia Fauber
- 10 Samantha Dempsey
- 10 Sandy Walton
- 13 Matilda Sloan
- 17 Frank Legon
- 17 Bundy Potter
- 17 Katie Sale
- 19 Clif Potter
- 20 Kathy Hammitt
- 20 Annie Willman
- 21 Pat Blackburn
- 21 Paden Garrard
- 22 John Osteen
- 22 Susan Allen
- 25 Conner Kears
- 26 Emily Sloan
- 27 Knight Garrard
- 28 William Cook
- 29 Betty Ramsey
- 31 Robert Cook

July Worship

5 Regular Worship

12 Regular Worship

**19 Regular Worship- Tim Coleman (friend from Inglewood Baptist):
Special Music**

26 Regular Worship

We anticipate that our current process of worship will continue unless the regulations for health safety change:

--Continuing to offer online access to worship through Facebook Live, our website, and emailed copies of sermons;

--Continuing to send worship resources and sermons by mail to those who do not have internet access;

--Offering space for those who wish to worship in person, with face masks and social distancing on Sunday mornings.

Spiritual Formation Offerings

Our Wednesday morning Bible Study, which meets at 10:30am each week, is now available on Zoom.

Sunday School Class Information

The Formations class has set up the Parlor for social distancing; those who are interested in attending may come to the Parlor at 9:45am on Sunday mornings.

